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## AMERICAN CHEESE IN S. PAULO.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The article re cheese in this week's number of *The Rio News* is interesting, no doubt, but the information given in our consul's report will surprise the American residents of São Paulo and vicinity, the majority of whom are undoubtedly unaware of the great amount of cheese consumed here, and that it is customary to eat cheese after coffee. I am inclined to believe that Father Girmondi's illness are based upon what he has seen of his former countrymen, who are frequently found sitting on curbstones about 10 a.m., eating their frugal meals, which consist principally of bread and bananas and perhaps occasionally a little *queijo de Minas*. I hardly believe the American dairymen can compete with the latter article.

Yours truly,

QUEIJO PARMIGIANO.

S. Paulo, 18th May, 1901.

## SANTOS CRICKET.

MR. A. RICHARD'S TEAM, VS. MR. F. TRACEY'S TEAM.

Played at José Menino 26th inst.:

RICHARD'S TEAM.

R. C. Lloyd, b. Burgos.....	5
A. L. Tweedie, run out.....	7
J. Elworthy, c. Stewart Smith, b. Tomlinson.....	0
E. Youle, c. and b. Tomlinson.....	4
A. Richards, c. and b. Tracey.....	46
H. G. Beadall, c. Tracey, b. Tomlinson.....	5
C. Pritchard, b. Tracey.....	1
J. Lockley, b. Stewart Smith.....	13
J. Cadzow, b. Hampshire.....	0
F. Tracey, b. Elworthy.....	5
A. Miller, not out.....	5
P. C. Kauslaar, b. H. Cross.....	8
Extras.....	100

TRACEY'S TEAM.

H. P. Smith, b. Lloyd.....	0
J. Meadows, b. Youle.....	4
G. Tomlinson, b. Elworthy.....	25
C. S. B. Ricketts, b. Youle.....	0
A. Burgos, c. Pritchard, b. Youle.....	12
F. Tracey, b. Elworthy.....	9
H. P. Hampshire, b. do.....	2
H. Wright, b. Youle.....	6
H. Cross, not out.....	0
C. Stewart Smith, b. Elworthy.....	2
E. A. Barham, b. Youle.....	1
Extras.....	8
Total.....	69

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

Innings Richards' team.

	overs	mdns.	runs	ukts.	average.
G. Tomlinson	1	3	32	3	10.6
A. Burgos...	8	2	15	1	15
F. Tracey...	9	1	10	2	5
C. Stewart Smith.....	7	5	30	1	30
H. F. Hampshire.....	2	1	3	1	3
H. Cross.....	24	—	2	2	1

Innings Tracey's team.

E. Youle.....	14	3	23	5	4.6
R. C. Lloyd.....	3	—	18	1	18
J. W. Elworthy.....	10	2	20	4	5

## CRICKET AT ICARAHY.

R. C. A. A. VS. WEST. TEL. CO. &amp; LEOP. RY.

The Telegraph Co. and Leopoldina Ry. combined were able to put a fairly representative team into the field at Icarahy on the 26th ult., and though the batsmen they chiefly depended on failed in the first innings they lost by 23 runs only. Kahl played well for his runs—his leg-batting being conspicuous—and the fielding of the visitors was on the whole smart and in contrast to that of the Association.

The scores were as follows:—

TEL. CO. &amp; LEOP. RY.—1st innings.

E. J. King, b. E. Morrissey.....	1
H. C. Hampson, b. Ginnis.....	11
H. L. Wheatley, b. E. Morrissey.....	2
H. G. Pierce, b. Ginnis.....	6
T. F. Kahl, c. Whyte, b. Ginnis.....	28
J. H. Whidborne, b. R. Morrissey.....	13
W. P. Slater, b. R. Morrissey.....	4
L. Huxtable, b. Ginnis.....	0
A. L. Samwe, b. Ginnis.....	0
W. E. Strange, c. Wright, b. Ginnis.....	1
A. Studer, not out.....	1
Extras.....	13
Total.....	80

R. C. A. A.—1st innings.

E. Morrissey, c. Strange, b. Slater.....	20
E. V. Morrissey, c. Pierce, b. Slater.....	0
S. McLauchlan, c. Whidborne, b. Samwe.....	0
well.....	0
R. Morrissey, not out.....	50
W. T. Ginnis, c. Kahl, b. Slater.....	8
O. W. Rolfs, c. Hampson, b. Slater.....	7
J. R. Whyte, b. Slater.....	1
H. P. Wright, b. Wheatley.....	4
M. Fletcher, c. Hampson, b. Wheatley.....	9
H. W. Jeans, c. Kahl, b. King.....	4
A. M. Hadden, st. Pierce, b. King.....	0
Total.....	103

TEL. CO. &amp; LEOP. RY.—2nd innings.

H. C. Hampson, run out.....	33
J. P. Kahl, c. Fletcher, b. E. Morrissey.....	0
H. L. Wheatley, c. R. b. E. V. Morrissey.....	33
H. G. Pierce, c. McLauchlan, b. Ginnis.....	16
J. H. Whidborne, c. and b. Ginnis.....	8
W. P. Slater, not out.....	8
Extras.....	—
Total.....	107

\* Innings declared closed.

R. C. A. A.—2nd innings.

E. V. Morrissey, c. and b. Slater.....	5
O. W. Rolfs, c. Studer, b. Pierce.....	0
H. P. Wright, b. Pierce.....	3
M. Fletcher, not out.....	7
H. W. Jeans, b. Pierce.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total (4 wks).....	17

R. C. A. A.—Bowling.

	B.	M.	R.	W.	B.	M.	R.	W.
E. Morrissey.....	36	0	35	2	36	0	23	1
W. T. Ginnis.....	60	2	26	6	54	0	34	2
R. Morrissey.....	24	1	6	2	30	0	11	0
E. V. Morrissey.....	12	0	30	1	0	0	30	1

TEL. CO. &amp; LEOP. RY.—Bowling.

	B.	M.	R.	W.	B.	M.	R.	W.
Slater.....	108	4	36	5	30	2	10	1
Samwe.....	36	0	27	1	0	0	0	0
Wheatley.....	72	1	40	2	0	0	0	0
King.....	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pierce.....	27	1	5	3	0	0	0	0

## COFFEE NOTES

—The planters at Botucatu, São Paulo, had a meeting on the 25th ult., but were unable to agree upon any scheme for improving the situation.

—The national agricultural society of this capital has formally condemned the Vicente de Carvalho project for a 20 per cent tax on coffee payable in kind, which will be burned.

—The Serra Negra planters, São Paulo, at a meeting held on the 26th ult., resolved to protest against the Vicente de Carvalho project for burning 20 per cent of the coffee crop.

—The *Commercio de S. Paulo* says that the coffee crop of the municipality of Pirajá amounted last year to 300,000 arrobas, and it has not yet been exported. This year's crop is estimated at 400,000 arrobas.

—At Batataes, São Paulo, on the 26th ult. the planters resolved to support the Veiga Filho project which was presented to the chamber of deputies on the 26th ult., and to memorialize the state assembly to approve the same project.

—A São Paulo telegram of the 1st says the proprietor of the Pantofo plantation has abandoned the place, leaving his colonists, mostly Italians, without pay and without food. The colonists have appealed to the Italian consul for help.

—The important coffee-exporting houses of Theo. Wille & Co., Arbruckle Brothers and E. Johnston & Co., of this city, have obtained large warehouses on the water front for deposits. This indicates a new departure in the trade, the exporters becoming *ensacadores* as well.

—At a planters meeting at Jahu, São Paulo, on the 30th ult. it was resolved that coffee planters should seek to obtain a reduction in the costs of transportation, and the adoption of export duties graded according to quality, the lowest duty being levied on the highest grade. It would probably be a difficult task to collect and would require an expert in each *recebedor* ia.

—Among the conclusions reached at the Juiz de Fora planters meeting a few days since was one recommending them not to sell their coffee to unknown persons, by which we understand that they should continue to sell to the *commissarios* and not to the travelling buyers sent out by various exporters. If the planters are wise they will sell for the best price obtainable, regardless of persons.

—At a large convention of Minas Geraes planters at Juiz de Fora on the 30th and 31st ult. the various questions relating to the present situation were discussed, but without definite result. The convention adopted resolutions recommending planters to improve the quality of their products, to use care in packing and transportation, to organize syndicates and agricultural cooperative societies, to create new markets and enlarge existing ones, and to promote the organization of rural credit. All this, of course, will not help to conjure the present crisis. Perhaps the Minas planters are too much under political influence.

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**INDICTING THE GOVERNMENT.**

On the 27th ult. Senator Arthur Rios made  
 a vigorous onslaught on the government.

Being in intimate contact with the people,  
 whose sufferings he is constantly obliged to  
 witness, he cannot, he said, see the affairs of  
 the country in the rose-colored light in which  
 they are viewed in the message of President  
 Campos Sales.

What he sees is anarchy, misgovernment  
 and penury. So utterly disqualified has the  
 government become for accomplishing the  
 objects for which governments are created  
 that right under its eye in the capital of the  
 republic there is no security whatever for the  
 property, honor and lives of the citizens,  
 which are unprotected, although last year 400  
 policemen were added to the force, which is  
 moreover aided by a large number of watch-  
 men maintained by private subscriptions.

But if the government is, as the senator  
 showed, the first to set the example of violat-  
 ing the law, it is not surprising that it should  
 fail to enforce respect for them. As samples  
 of the contempt displayed by the government  
 for the rights of citizens, which it is its duty  
 to protect, the senator referred to the expul-  
 sion of the merchant Borlido and the arrest of  
 Admiral Custodio de Mello. Having arbitrar-  
 ily arrested the latter, the government en-  
 deavored by means of intimidation and cor-  
 ruption to force him to absent himself from  
 the city of Rio de Janeiro, offering him, on  
 the one hand, remunerative employment, if  
 he would go, and, on the other, continued im-  
 prisonment if he persisted in remaining. It  
 discovered, however, it was dealing with a  
 man who would not sacrifice his honor for  
 unworthy considerations, and it consequently  
 had the mortification of seeing that its attempt  
 to intimidate and corrupt him resulted in  
 ignominious failure.

After severely censuring the minister of  
 finance for wantonly making public his refusal  
 to advance money to the state of Bahia for the  
 payment of interest on its foreign debt, the  
 senator then proceeded to refer to his principal  
 object in taking the floor. This object was to  
 call the attention of congress and the nation  
 to the purchase of the Bahia and São Francisco  
 railway.

This road, said the senator, has always been  
 operated at a loss, the deficit for eight years,  
 for which he had figures, averaging over 400-  
 000\$ per annum. And yet the government  
 has bought this railway for 2,250,000\$, paying  
 25\$ each for shares which a year ago were  
 quoted at only a little over 15\$. He did not,  
 he said, deny the expedience of purchasing the  
 road in order to discontinue the payment of  
 guaranteed interest; but to pay for it a sum  
 greatly exceeding its market value was a finan-  
 cial operation that can justly be described as  
 disastrous.

Commenting on this part of Senator Arthur  
 Rios' speech Senator Vicente Machado re-  
 marked that, if the government had begun to  
 purchase the shares in the open market, the  
 price would have immediately risen. And it  
 is natural to suppose that this, to a certain  
 extent, would have really been the case, but  
 if the operation had been well conducted, a  
 considerable part, if not all, of the shares  
 could have been purchased for much less than  
 25\$ each. And even, as Senator Arthur Rios  
 pointed out, if the cost of the shares had  
 averaged 15\$ each, there would have been a  
 saving of 900,000\$. But this would not have  
 suited the views of the minister of finance,  
 whose object is to obtain ready money at any  
 cost and who consequently has not hesitated  
 to saddle the country with a new debt of  
 2,250,000\$ and a railway always operated at a  
 considerable loss, merely for the temporary  
 advantage of a difference of 136,000\$ per annum  
 in interest.

The speech of Senator Arthur Rios has pro-  
 duced a profound impression. The senator is  
 known to be an intimate friend of Vice-Pre-  
 sident Rosa e Silva, and he was chosen to  
 deliver the welcoming address to the vice-  
 president when the latter recently arrived  
 from Pernambuco.

His speech was answered by Senator Vicente  
 Machado, and the press has been flooded with  
 semi-official articles on the subject. Opposi-  
 tion speeches on various subjects have been  
 made by Senators Antonio Azeredo, Martinho

Garcez and Barata, and it is quite possible  
 that, in spite of the report, recently circulated,  
 of an agreement between the friends of Cam-  
 pos Sales and those of Rosa e Silva, we may  
 at last be on the eve of the open rupture that  
 has been so long predicted.

**RAILROAD NOTES**

—The definite liquidation of the bankrupt  
 Oeste de Minas railway company has been  
 decided upon.

—A new contract between the municipality  
 and the S. Christovão tramway company was  
 signed on the 31st ult.

—A federal decree of yesterday's date au-  
 thorizes the São Paulo Railway Co. to incorpo-  
 rate in its capital the excess of 2,952,520\$30  
 expended upon the duplication of its line from  
 Santos to Jundiaí.

—Complaints are made in São Paulo of the  
 bad state of the passenger coaches on the Soroca-  
 biana line, especially with regard to lighting.  
 Two tallow candles are used to light each  
 coach and serve only to irritate travellers.

—The prefect of São Paulo has addressed an  
 official letter to the municipal council recom-  
 mending bases for a new contract with the  
 Light and Power Co. made necessary by the  
 acquisition of the Viçosa Paulista lines.

—On the 28th the senate approved a motion  
 of Senator Arthur Rios to ask the government  
 for information on the acquisition of the Re-  
 fecte and São Francisco and Bahia and São  
 Francisco railways, which he denounced as a  
 prejudice to the national treasury.

—A new accord has just been celebrated  
 between the Central and Leopoldina railways  
 in regard to the transport of coffee. A maxi-  
 mum rate of 100\$ per ton is to be charged for  
 both lines, 30 per cent of which will go to the  
 Leopoldina company in accordance with the  
 contract of May 1900. The new accord will be  
 in force until next April and while coffee is  
 below 9500\$ per arroba.

—The estimated traffic receipts of the Leo-  
 poldina railway for the week ending 4th  
 May were as follows, compared with the  
 corresponding week of last year:

Receipts in currency.....	220,645\$
Idem last year.....	225,147\$
Decrease for week.....	4,502\$
Equivalent in gold this year (13 1/4).....	4,121\$
Idem last year (8 3/8).....	2,757\$
Increase in surplus for week.....	1,364\$
Total receipts since January.....	2,166,527\$
Idem last year.....	2,171,450\$
Increase since January.....	25,047\$

—The federal judge at Nova Friburgo has  
 very properly decided to make the Leopoldina  
 Co. the depositary of the property on the  
 Cantagallo line recently seized in the Mira-  
 nio case. This has caused great satisfaction  
 at Nova Friburgo, where there was danger on  
 having a serious interruption in traffic because  
 of the delivery of a section of that line to the  
 representative of Sr. Maranhão. It is note-  
 worthy that the execution was levied on the  
 property of the company comprised in the  
 section from Nova Friburgo to Cantagallo,  
 and it was proposed to put Dr. Uchôa Caval-  
 ante in charge of the property—a step which  
 would be seriously prejudicial to traffic. The  
 case is that of an attempted collection of the  
 value of debentures on terms different from  
 those agreed upon when the property was  
 bought by the present company.

—The approximate weekly traffic returns of  
 the Recife and São Francisco railway (77 1/2  
 miles), compared with the corresponding week  
 of last year, are as follows:

For week ending February 27rd:	Decrease
Freight traffic.....	4,659,284
Kilos.....	650,532
Passengers car- ried.....	256 1/2
Total receipts, week.....	65,708\$50
do since Jan. 1.....	484,053\$30
do since Jan. 1.....	484,053\$30
For week ending March 2nd: <th>Increase</th>	Increase
Freight traffic.....	3,788,121
Kilos.....	1,392,543
Passengers car- ried.....	1,473
Total receipts, week.....	4,886 1/2
do since Jan. 1.....	60,251\$100
do since Jan. 1.....	54,365\$850
do since Jan. 1.....	54,365\$850

**SHIPPING NOTES**

—The Brazilian ironclad "Floriano" arrived  
 at Kiel, Germany, on the 2nd inst.

—The Brazilian cruiser "Benjamin Con-  
 stant" arrived at New York on the 30th  
 ult.

—Philadelphia advices of April 4 state—A  
 mysterious obstruction off Cape Thoms, Bra-  
 zil, in thirty-five fathoms of water, which is  
 placed on the British and American admiralty  
 charts and charted as a rock, turns out to be  
 a large vessel, bottom up, held in position by  
 her anchors and at times submerged. This  
 discovery was made by Captain Yule of the  
 British steamship "Myrtles" which arrived  
 here to day from Carrizal, laden with 1,249  
 tons of silver ore in sacks and 2,400 tons of  
 manganese ore. Captain Yule stated that the  
 discovery of the obstruction was first made  
 about two years ago by a sailing ship, and  
 both the governments of Great Britain and  
 the United States chafed it as a partially  
 submerged rock. When off Cape Thoms  
 (Cape Thomaz?) the weather was beautifully  
 clear and this afforded the observing skipper  
 the opportunity of making a thorough in-  
 vestigation of the obstruction. It is a large  
 wooden vessel. Captain Yule says the obstruc-  
 tion is a very dangerous one at night and  
 efforts should at once be made to have it  
 removed.

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WITHOUT entering into a discussion of the details of the bill for a general registry of titles, contracts, etc., which has just been under discussion in the senate, it may not be out of place to say that its general effect would be bad. It is a common experience in business circles that too much official oversight is prejudicial, because it increases expenses, lengthens the time required for transactions, and serves to complicate negotiations. More than that, the penalties usually inflicted are disproportionately heavy and unjust, through denying all legal protection to the person violating the law. For failing to meet some trifling requirement, which would be adequately punished by a small fine, he is non-suited and compelled, perhaps, to suffer heavy loss. Justice is not secured through injustice, and it should be the aim of every government to temper its penalties with mercy and with impartial consideration. We are now weighed down with so great a burden of requirements, regulations and restrictions, that it is practically impossible for the average citizen to carry on an industry or to transact commercial business without incurring penalties for some unintentional infraction of law. For instance, last year a lawyer and publisher of a law journal was fined a hundred milreis for not complying with some petty municipal regulation. If, now, the lawyers can not keep track of all these official requirements, what are the average citizens to do? Manifestly, a very considerable part of their time and money will be expended in responding to penalties for which they are morally not at all responsible. Government has no right to exact from us more than we can give, and this is as true in taxation as in personal service. The principal object of government is to represent and act for the people in matters which they can not attend to personally. What it claims the right to do beyond that, is usurpation. If the government spends much money and then imposes taxes upon the people to make it good, it is guilty of a trespass upon their rights, but under the subterfuge that it is acting as the representative of the people the legislature is continually authorizing and sanctioning such invasions. Aside from the question of abstract right, there is another of policy, and this will perhaps appeal more strongly to the imagination of the legislator. If business becomes unprofitable or too vexatious through the imposition of so many taxes and restrictions, then it will decay and the public treasury will be a heavy loser in the end. There is a limit to our ability to meet taxation, and when that limit is passed revenue must decline. We know from personal knowledge that men have retired from business in this city because of increased taxation and petty restrictions, and we know of scores of others who are seeking to do the same. We even have heard Brazilians say that

they will go abroad as soon as they can sell out. This will be called unpatriotic, of course, but patriotism surely does not demand that a man shall sacrifice everything he possesses at the demand of a few men temporarily in office. In our opinion, the adoption of more restrictions in the registry of commercial documents will drive more men out of business and out of the country, for it is impossible that they can submit to more official interference. And it will tend to limit transactions to a cash basis, where documents are not required, and it will drive money out of the country for investment. Since the foregoing was written, we are glad to say that the senate has rejected the bill.

A WASHINGTON telegram of the 29th ult. states that the United States supreme court has just rendered an important decision in regard to Porto Rico, declaring that the said island does not enjoy rights similar to those of the states, and at the same time that Porto Rico is not to be considered foreign territory. This is construed to mean that the United States may have colonial possessions, subject to special provisions of government. The decision was rendered by five judges, against the votes of four, and it is stated that it is based upon political reasons. The decision is unquestionably a victory for the imperialists, and will have a far-reaching influence upon the future of the United States.

RECENT telegrams from the south appear to indicate another outbreak of hostility between Chili and Argentina. The former accuses the latter of violating the frontier, secret sessions of the Chilean congress have been held, and military preparations are being made. The serious illness of President Frerazuriz has removed the principal influence in favor of peace, and the bellicose elements in Chili will now meet with no serious opposition to their designs. The Argentines do not seem to be taking the Chileans seriously in their rising excitement, but it may be that preparations for eventualities are making all the time. War may not result, but there is always danger of it in these recriminations and preparations. Some day it will be unavoidable.

If a chief of police, under orders from the government, may arrest, imprison and deport a man, whether Brazilian or foreigner, without any legal process, or opportunity to appeal to the courts, what protection is there for any citizen or resident of the country? No man is safe, nor can he have any recourse at law. The constitution offers him guarantees and he does the laws, but they are all without effect when opposed to the wishes of an unscrupulous executive. No discretion whatever should ever be left to an executive officer in such matters; by the contrary, the laws should be strictly enforced, and every legal guarantee should be carefully observed. If the courts and the people are too weak to enforce this, then we have an irresponsible government under which neither life and property are protected, nor personal rights and privileges guaranteed.

IT MAY be only coincidence, but it is certainly a curious one that two of the three naval officers forming the court which decided against the court-martial of Admiral Custodio de Mello, have been deprived of their commands and left on the waiting list. It is said that this is punishment for their decision, and that the third member of the court will soon be made to feel that it is highly dangerous to go contrary to the government's wishes. We can hardly credit the assertion, but the facts are that Admiral Barão de S. Marcos was removed from his position as chief of the *capitania* of this port a few days after the court rendered its decision, and now Admiral Carlos de No. 2nd division. Should Admiral Marques Guimarães be similarly treated, there will be no doubt of the fact that these officers are being made to feel executive displeasure. Of course all this will serve to disorganize and demoralize the service, for it is impossible that the army and navy can be rendered efficient while subjected to such administration.

ALTHOUGH various telegrams have informed us that the Cuban constituent assembly had rejected the terms proposed by the United States in connection with the organization of an independent government, a telegram of the 29th ult. now tells us that the said terms have been accepted. In all probability the Cubans found it the easier way out of a difficulty, and yielded. The conditions were not at all harsh; they merely called for certain restrictions on the foreign relations of the island, a coaling station or two, and some right to interfere in sanitary matters. Cuba may not be as free as some agitators may wish, but there will surely be freedom enough for all the misgovernment the island can stand. It is stated that the property-owners and commercial classes are not at all anxious for independent government, for this means the ascendancy of a lawless class which has nothing to lose and which will rule the country for the spoils it will afford. This is not infrequently the object elsewhere, and the result is that self-government proves a failure. A later telegram, however, says that the acceptance was conditional, and that President McKinley considers it insufficient.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

—Senator Generoso Ponce arrived from Mato Grosso last Thursday and received a very cordial welcome from his friends.

—In the chamber on Friday Deputy José Bonifácio introduced a bill on the estates of foreigners that die in Brazil. If the present situation continues much longer the law will be wholly unnecessary.

—We have concluded to discontinue the publication of our customary daily summary of congressional proceedings because of a lack of space and want of time for going through the daily reports. We shall henceforth give only notes of the more important occurrences.

—In the senate on Friday there was offered a resolution for suspending the execution of the regulations on public instruction issued by the government on the 1st of last January. The resolution is signed by Senators Bernardo de Mendonça, Antonio Azeredo, Generoso Ponce, José Bernardo and Lopes Trovão.

—In the senate on last Tuesday Senator Lamro Müller committed the blunder of opposing Senator Arthur Rios, motion to ask for copies of the contracts for the purchase of the Bahia and São Francisco and Pernambuco and São Francisco Railways. The result was an apparent, if not real, defeat for the government, the motion being carried by a vote of 19 to 15.

—In the chamber of deputies last Wednesday Deputy Pausto Cardoso defended himself from the charge of having sold himself to the government for 30,000\$. He does not claim, he said, to be more honest than others; but, unlike many others, he despises wealth and glories in poverty. He considers Minister Munthio responsible for the charge against him.

—In the chamber on Saturday Deputy Eugênio Torninho spoke on affairs in Bahia, censuring the ingratitude, intolerance and violence of the politicians who have abandoned ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna. He was answered by Deputy Seabra in a conciliatory speech. The Bahia delegation, said the latter deputy, had decided to assume a neutral attitude in quarrel between the governor and ex-governor, continuing however to support the former, who, he added was not responsible for the violent phase into which this quarrel had entered.

—On the 25th ult. Deputy Luiz Domingues presented a bill in the chamber of deputies providing for an increase in the salaries of various professors and directors of the higher schools. It provides for salaries of 9,000\$ for *lentes cathedrales* and directors and 5,400\$ for substitutes. We do not question the justice of the advance in salaries, but we do question the wisdom of making these schools a charge on the national treasury. Then, too, the primary schools are much more in need of an advance of wages for their teachers are not only badly paid but are shamefully neglected.

## PROVINCIAL NOTES

—The little fort at the entrance to the port of Santos is to have a civilian doctor.

—The construction of waterworks for the supply of Juiz de Fora, São Paulo, was initiated on the 27th ult.

—It is said that among the inmates of the Sorocaba jail is a lunatic, who has a heavy chain attached to his neck.

—The revenues of the state of Bahia during the month of May aggregated 1,200,000\$. This shows a hopeful increase in revenue.

—The treasurer of the Pará postoffice has been suspended for 15 days on account of irregularities discovered in his cash account.

—The Rio Grande do Sul exposition at Porto Alegre was formally closed on the 2nd inst. It was opened toward the end of February last.

—Ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna embarked for Europe, at Bahia, on the 2nd inst. without molestation. The fears of popular assault seem to have been unfounded.

—It is stated that the federal district attorney has taken legal proceedings against the governor of Amazonas for issuing apolices as currency, without obligatory acceptance.

—The police officials at Brotas, São Paulo, claim to have discovered a gang of horse thieves, with associates in various parts of the state. Some arrests have been made.

—The governor of Paraná is distributing seed wheat in some of the colonies of that state. Wheat might be grown to good advantage on the elevated plateaus of Paraná.

—A Pará telegram says that through the financial difficulties with which the state treasury is struggling, the practical commercial school in that city is to be closed.

—Before leaving Bahia ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna announced that he is going to Europe for reasons of health, and will return whenever the investigation into his government may require.

—A telegram of the 31st ult. from Pernambuco says that the *Journal do Recife* has published a violent attack on President Campos Salles. This paper belongs to the friends of Vice-President Rosa e Silva.

—Complaints are made in Sergipe of the suspension of the calls of subsidized steamers at S. Cristóvão, which is causing much loss to commerce and agriculture. The export of sugar and salt from that region is large.

—The governor of Amazonas contests the competency of the federal courts to prosecute him for the emission of apolices to bearer. These apolices are in small denominations and circulate as money, which is prohibited by the constitution.

—The federal judge at Curitiba, Paraná, has annulled the process against the persons implicated in the defalcation at the savings bank of that city, and has released the ex-treasurer, Francisco Vianna. The district attorney will initiate new proceedings.

—The unfortunate priest, Monsenhor Claro Monteiro Homem de Mello, who has been assassinated by the Indians at Bauri, São Paulo, was a nephew of Conselheiro Homem de Mello. The São Paulo government has sent a police force to the place to investigate the crime.

—Ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna telegraphed from Bahia on the 30th ult. that the police had caused placards to be posted instigating the people to prevent his taking passage for Europe. The object, he said, was to promote disturbances and cause him to be murdered.

—A Pará telegram of the 1st inst. reports the arrival there of Lt. Col. Homero, with several Bolivian officers and a considerable number of soldiers who are returning via Rio to La Paz, from the Acre region. Twenty men had died on the voyage to Pará from infectious fevers.

—A telegram of the 30th ult. from S. Paulo says that a force of 20 policemen had been sent to the station of Campos Salles on account of disturbances caused by the reduction in the pay of laborers on a neighboring plantation. The telegram describes the condition of affairs in the interior of the state as extremely critical.

—There was trouble on the plantation of Sr. Diogo Aranha at Dous Corregos, São Paulo, on the 30th ult., the colonists threatening to revolt because the manager of the estate refused to put their passbooks in order. Application was made to the chief of police for assistance and an armed force of 15 soldiers was sent to the place. In the meantime an accord was arranged and no outbreak occurred.

—On the 30th ult. Deputy Bahia, of the Bahia state assembly, made a formal accusation against the Luiz Vianna administration of the state government, accused it of issuing false balances, and asked for a commission to inquire into the affairs of that administration. The request was accepted, and a commission has been appointed. The affair has caused a great sensation in Bahia.

—Ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna has proposed to Gov. Severino Vieira that the acts of the two administrations shall be investigated by a committee of competent and impartial persons selected by mutual agreement, and before his departure he indicated the two who should represent him. From statements made by one of the official papers the present governor will not permit his administration to be the subject of an investigation. And we are inclined to believe that he is quite right.

—After a representation of the Spanish drama "Electra" in Curitiba, Paraná, on the evening of the 27th ult., a group of rowdies stoned the residences of the priests. This is a disgraceful and unchristianlike initiative, and there is not a particle of principle and feeling in it. Were men of position and influence to indulge in such a demonstration, it would mean something, but when we find only emotional boys and disorderly characters engaging in it we may conclude that there is no real sentiment behind it.

—The Bahia state assembly has refused to pay the balance due on a bond of ex-Gov. Luiz Vianna, and has ordered the prosecution of the official who authorized the payment of an instalment on account. A writer in the *Journal* calls this unwarrantably chivalrous. Possibly it is, but it depends very largely on the history of the transaction. If the bond was duly authorized by a previous assembly, and ordered by a legal contract, then the assembly now shows shameful dishonesty. It is not a question whether the state should pay for a bond of its ex-governor, but whether it should meet its engagements.

## LOCAL NOTES

—The Sociedade Auxiliadora da Industria Nacional has unanimously chosen Deputy Innocencio Serzedello Corrêa as its president.

—A bust of Brazil's most cherished poet, Gonçalves Dias, was unveiled in the Passeio Público on Sunday last, the 2nd inst.

—The *Journal do Brazil* of Thursday last says that the *inferior director of the rechebros* of this capital has lately discovered more frauds in that office.

—The commandant and officers of the Benjamin Constant left New York for Washington on the 1st inst. to visit Minister Assis Brazil and President McKinley.

—A London telegram of the 1st inst. says that, according to the *Daily Express*, 900 Boers will soon embark at Hamburg on the steamer "Ilansa" for Blumenau, Santa Catharina.

—Several cases of yellow fever have been reported from Ilha do Vianna, on the Nictheroy side of the bay. The cases were removed for treatment to the isolated hospital of Nictheroy.

—The bookkeeper of the Banco Commercial Italiano, of São Paulo, was receiving 50,000\$ at the Brazilianische Bank on the 31st, and was unfortunate enough to have 10,000\$ of it stolen.



—It is asserted that Deputy Cassiano has instructions from Julio de Castilhos to do everything in his power to thwart the plan to elect Gov. Rodrigues Alves president of the republic.

—The right of Dr. Hosnault to a seat in the chamber of deputies has been so ably contested that it is doubtful whether he will be recognized. In that case Pará will have to elect him again.

—The government has dismissed the director of the statistical department, Dr. Mendes da Rocha, and has appointed Dr. Luiz Soares de Souza to succeed him. This act is due to the defective census of this city.

—The *Gazeta da Tarde* insists that Borlido, who was deported by the police, has returned and is now here in concealment, waiting for the habeas corpus hearing on the 5th inst. It is still the *scorcher* as making strenuous efforts to find him.

—A Santiago telegram of the 29th says that the cabinet has resolved to make important economies in all departments except those of war and marine, the ministers being in accord on the expediency of increasing the navy. Perhaps it is hopeless to expect any change for the better until the dogs have fought it out.

—A very curious political transformation is shown in the circumstance that Vicente Machado and Pires Pereira are now the principal defenders in congress of Marshal Mallet, minister of war. In 1893-94, under the government of Floriano Peixoto, General Mallet was imprisoned as a suspect and these two men were among his most relentless enemies.

—Among the departures for Europe on Wednesday last by the *Orinoco* were Mr. James H. Kennedy and family, who we understand, are leaving Brazil permanently. Mr. Kennedy has been Messrs. Arubuck Brothers representative here for many years and has amassed a very comfortable fortune in the coffee trade. It is stated that he will reside in England.

—There was a discussion last week in the Italian chamber of deputies in regard to emigration to Brazil. It was asserted by some that the colonists are deceived and are treated like slaves on the plantations. The government responds that measures have been taken to prevent deceptions and that the Italian minister and consul-general in Brazil have instructions in the matter for the protection of colonists.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church, Largo do Catete, are arranging to give a concert at that church on the evening of the 27th inst. for the benefit of their charitable work. A good programme is promised, and several well-known musicians have promised to take part. Tickets may be obtained of any member of the society. It is to be hoped that a liberal response will be given, for the hard times are increasing the claims upon the charity of these good ladies.

—A smoker is to be held at the rooms of the Laranjeiras Club on the evening of the 15th inst., which will afford the members of the club an opportunity to say farewell to their vice-president Mr. H. W. Stacey, and to wish him all good fortune in the future. The programme will commence at 8:45 p.m., and it is hoped that all members and friends will be present. We are under many obligations for the kind invitation to the editor, who desires to be included in all the good wishes extended to Mr. Stacey.

—The difficulty in the postoffice caused by the refusal of the director general to resign, even after his successor was selected, was solved on the 31st. Dr. Antonio Pio de Souza tendering his resignation and Dr. Luiz Bettim Paes Leme being appointed to succeed him. The latter was director-general of the postoffice under the empire, and thoroughly understands the work. It is to be hoped that he will be able to infuse a little more order and efficiency into that greatly demoralized public service.

—The Club Internacional of Niteroy is giving a *soiree bien* at the club rooms, No. 71 Rua do Marquez do Baraú, on the evening of the 8th inst. The character of the entertainment is quite in harmony with the times, for people generally are feeling decidedly blue, but this ought not to interfere with the pleasures of the evening. Let us hope for blue skies on the 8th, as well as blue dresses, and then perhaps there will be brighter colors on the mental horizon. We are greatly indebted for the invitation kindly sent to the editor.

According to the official report the total number of deaths in this city during the first fifteen days of May was 335, which shows a slight decrease on the preceding half month. The deaths from infectious and contagious diseases during this period were as follows: yellow fever 14, small-pox 12, beri-beri 1, diphtheria 1, dysentery 2, influenza 13, typhoid fever 1, malarial diseases 39, and pulmonary consumption 110. The births registered numbered 620, and marriages 90. The report makes a very favorable showing.

—The jingo speeches at Buffalo seem to have stirred up Spanish animosity to a fever heat. It is a pity, for the wounds occasioned by war heal slowly and it is cruel to tear them open. There was no need of seeking to prejudice Latin America against Europe, nor to indulge in idle threats, and we trust the American press will make this clear to Vice-President Roosevelt and Senator Lodge. Spain is seeking to regain her trade with her lost colonies, and is right and wise to do so. The United States will make a serious mistake by interfering.

—We see by one of our recent exchanges that an English lady of title has recently married an American gentleman, presumably of wealth. This is reversing the arrangement, which has been that of American heiresses marrying English titles. Perhaps it may be one of the results of that billion dollar trust.

—During the past week there was an exchange of compliments between Senators Moraes Barros and Bernadino de Campos on one side, and Admiral Custodio de Melo on the other. The former characterized the latter as a criminal, and the latter accused Senator Bernadino de Campos of taking money illegally from the Banco da Republica when minister of finance. But these personalities are apart from the question. Has the government the right to arrest and imprison any man, even a criminal, without according him the opportunity to defend himself?

—Our esteemed colleague of the *Cidade do Rio*, Sr. José do Patrocínio, having invented a propelling mechanism for navigating the air, Sr. Casimiro A. da Costa, president of the Companhia Effidreira, has offered to construct it gratuitously. Sr. Patrocínio will accept our hearty congratulations on his debut in the world of invention, and especially on the subject of his first invention. He has long been known as a first-class propeller of air, and if he now employs those same extraordinary qualities in navigating the air his success seems reasonably assured. We shall watch for his first aerial flight with intense interest.

—It was reported week before last in political circles that President Campos Sales had succeeded in averting the alleged danger of a rupture in congress between his followers and those of Vice-President Rosa e Silva. This, according to the report current in those circles, he had accomplished by throwing overboard his reputed candidate for the vice-presidency at the next presidential election, Gov. Silviano Brandão, and promising his support to Rosa e Silva's candidate, Senator Benedito Leite. He doubtless hopes to maintain in this way that fictitious congressional harmony in which, as his message shows, he takes so much interest and which, together with the attitude of a part of the press, attributed by some persons to the influence of subsidies, contributes to check the expression of public opinion and prevent the investigation of his acts. But it is possible that the Silviano also may have followers who will now be converted into disturbers of the so much desired harmony. Still the President may have some plan for conciliating possible silvianistas, and moreover, at the present time, when dissolution is so much easier than union, the difficulty in organizing an opposition party initiatives in the president's favor and enables him at least to gain time. And, if Silviano's followers transfer their allegiance from the governor to the president, they may ally in their defence the pledges of Silviano himself, who promised Campos Sales not only his own unconditional support, but also that of his friends and of the whole state of Minas Geraes.

#### BIRTH.

On the 31st May at Travessa Dox, Botafogo, the wife of Chas. A. Baumann, of a son.

### BUSINESS NOTES

—The government has purchased for the Central railway No. 76 Rua da Gambôa, belonging to Messrs. Lage Brothers.

—On the 26th ult. Deputy Martinho Garcez moved to ask for information in regard to the award of the Central railway coal contract for the next six months.

—A meeting was held at Campanha, Minas Geraes, on the 22nd inst. for the purpose of organizing resistance to the collection of municipal taxes.

—It is said that the minister of industry proposes to open postal agencies at all the stations of the Central railway and other railways of the union.

—We see by our São Paulo exchanges that Mr. George D. Estill, manager of the London and River Plate Bank in São Paulo, is returning home on the "Clyde" for a holiday, and will be substituted during his absence by Mr. A. P. Clarkson.

—A São Paulo telegram of the 30th ult. says the *juiz* of the first *vara* of that city had decreed the judicial liquidation of Srs. Mathias Sontello & Co., proprietors of the important business establishment known as "Au Bon Marché."

—We believe that some reforms are spoken of in the postoffice, but we do not understand that the employment of clerks to search correspondence in search of contraband remittances is among them. It is a dirty business and we trust will not be continued.

—The government has been advised by His Majesty's representative at this capital that Mr. Arthur Chapman has been appointed British consul-general at this port, with jurisdiction over the states of Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo, Minas Geraes and Mato Grosso.

—It is telegraphed from Pará that at the meeting of shareholders of the Banco de Belém to be held on the 5th inst. a motion will be presented for its liquidation, because of the abuses which have been committed in its administration, which have seriously crippled the bank and brought it into discredit. An effort will be made to hold the directors responsible.

—The *Journal do Commercio* of the 2nd inst. says that it appears to have been decided to give the contract for the coinage of nickel to Messrs. Haupt, Biehn & Co., the representatives in this capital of Messrs. Krupp, the only bidders who agreed to do the work within the period specified, or up to the month of March next. The amount of nickel to be coined will be 30,000,000 (14 millions sterling at 12 pence exchange), and the government proposes to burn that amount in paper money when the nickel coins are delivered.

—Owing to the lack of a Brazilian consul at Puerto Alonso the steamers carrying merchandise there have been unable to obtain the necessary papers relative to its delivery, and they are therefore returning the shipping papers to the Pará custom-house with formal protests. The situation is causing prejudices to business men, who are without instructions in regard to the legal means to employ in such cases, although such instructions from the minister of finance were requested as far back as 15th October, 1898.

—A Pará telegram of the 1st inst. relates that at a general meeting of shareholders of the Confiance land and marine insurance company it was resolved unanimously to liquidate the company in view of the precarious state and discredit into which it had fallen. It was also resolved to prosecute the retiring directors for their acts. One of them stated that the ruin of the company was not caused by the directors, but by Senator Marques Braga, who accumulated the offices of intendente, secretary and treasurer of the company. To this it was replied that the directors were fully in accord with the acts committed and the degree of responsibility must be determined by the courts.

—It is Empain, whose finger is in the Brazilian pie, and who is anxious to carry out some big financial operations in the South American republic, for which purpose he is engaged in buying Brazilian stocks. Empain is also about to introduce a new company, the Société Russo-Frangaise, a concern for constructing and working tramways, just as if there were not already enough of them. This Belgian financier is, in fact, a speculator of the first water, who has got a bigger following of supporters with the favorite jockey and which they always do, the others must lose, it is easy to imagine that the Belgian is not altogether in the humor of saucy in Paris.—*The Critic*, London, May 4.

—Senator Oliveira has written an article on the critical condition of the sugar industry in Brazil. In his opinion the crisis is not caused by over production in this country, whose whole crop can readily be absorbed by Brazilian consumers. But the stringency in the money market and the restriction of credit interfere with the natural course of trade, when Empain and his friends win, which they always do, the others must lose, it is easy to imagine that the Belgian is not altogether in the humor of saucy in Paris.—*The Critic*, London, May 4.

—Until recently, the speculation in Brazilian has been chiefly confined to Paris and Brussels, but this week a further stimulus has been given to the upward movement by an active demand on London account, which has enabled these stocks to put on a couple of points. It is significant that when the Stock Exchange was closed on Wednesday, Brazilians lost some of their buoyancy in Paris. The market is, in fact, too heavy, and the London support is very opportune for the bulls. Having played out the repayment of the coupons in gold next month, they have let loose a rumour to the effect that the Brazilian government is contemplating the unification of the external loans. Doubtless, the government would be happy to do so, but the European financiers prefer to carry out one thing at a time, and are hardly likely to discuss any project of unification until the country has put its finances on a permanently sound basis.—*The Critic*, London, May 4.

### FINANCIAL NOTES

—It is said that the minister of war is about to solicit a credit of 700,000 to pay debts incurred during the revolt in 1893-94.

—The receipts of the Rio de Janeiro general revenue office amounted last month to 2,668,243,945, against 3,033,815,812 in May, 1900.

—The defalcation in the Paraná savings bank, for which a federal judge has quashed the proceedings against the accused ex-treasurer, is said to amount to 100,000.

—On the 27th ult. the governor of São Paulo signed a decree opening a supplementary credit of 500,000 under the head of public relief.

—A London telegram of the 29th states that while the 4 per cent Brazilian government bonds had fallen that day to 69 1/2, the recently issued 5 per cent São Paulo state bonds had risen to 95. This will add an inch to the stature of every Paulista.

—The following returns of customs receipts for the month of May have been made public:

	1901	1900
Rio de Janeiro.	5,553,290,828	4,754,151,830
Santos.	2,757,654,899	2,622,097,368

—On the 1st inst. the national treasury delivered 2,000,000 in 3% inscriptions to the Banco da Republica for account of the marine department. They are to be used for expenses in repairs, etc., of naval material. Are we to understand from this that contractors will be paid in depreciated obligations?

—A Bahia telegram of the 30th ult. says that the export duties received the preceding day furnished the state treasury with sufficient funds to liquidate the balance (101,081,532) at the federal treasury agency of the loan of 1,500,000 made to that state when the suspension of the banks occurred at the end of January last.

—The Banco da Provincia de Buenos Aires is said to be in distress, and the provincial government has come to its aid with a million of dollars. It is a repetition of the old story—the mismanagement of the official bank. When will governments learn that such institutions should be left wholly to private management?

—The official organ of the governor of Bahia now says, in response to the speech of Senator Arthur Rio, that the governor never solicited a loan from the minister of finance. He only asked to have a certain credit placed at his disposal in Paris, which Minister Joaquim Martinho did not refuse. Perhaps it would have been better had the official editor attempted no reply. Placing a credit at the governor's disposal in Paris when he had no cash in hand looks very much like a loan, and we ask now that the credit was not given for the governor afterwards borrowed the money in Bahia to meet the obligation in Paris.

### COMMERCIAL.

Rio de Janeiro, June 4th, 1901

Par value of the Brazilian milreis (\$1000).	27 d.
do of the Brazilian milreis (\$1000) in U. S. coin at \$4.86 1/2 per \$1000.	34 7/8 cts
do of \$1000 (U. S. coin) Brazilian gold.	1837
do of \$1000 in Brazilian gold.	8 3/4
Bank rate of exchange, official, on London 10-day.	11 1/16 d.
Present value of the Brazilian milreis (gold).	27 1/2
Present value of the Brazilian milreis (paper).	433 7/8 gold
Present value of the Brazilian milreis in U. S. coin at \$4.86 1/2 per \$1000.	23 3/4 c.
Value of \$100 (\$4.86 per \$1. str.) in Brazilian currency (paper).	45 1/2
Value of £1 sterling.	265 1/2

#### EXCHANGE.

May 27.—Today's market was firm and with improvement in rates. The reported transactions were regular.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16—12 3/4  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
May 28.—The market continued firm. A regular amount of business was done.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16—12 1/2  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
May 29.—Today's market was very depressed owing to liquidations and clearing of the lower rates. The reported movement was important.

The official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
May 30.—The situation of the market was unchanged. Business reported was regular.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
May 31.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 1.—The market was undecided. Business transacted was limited.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 2.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 3.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 4.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 5.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 6.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 7.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 8.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.

Official quotations on London were:  
Bank bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Private bills..... opening 12 1/16  
Closing 12 1/16—12 3/4

Official value of the milreis 435-450 reis gold.  
June 9.—The market was firm and with a regular amount of business transacted.



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